

# What's New in the MPDC

JUNE 3, 2002

## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT CHIEF GAINER NAMED CHIEF OF THE US CAPITOL POLICE

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**T**errance W. Gainer, the MPDC's executive assistant chief for the past four years, has been named the new chief of the US Capitol Police. The US Capitol Police Board made the announcement this past week; Chief Gainer starts in his new position June 3, 2002. A veteran of law enforcement spanning more than three decades,

*For more information about the US Capitol Police and the selection of Chief Gainer, see the news release from the Capitol Police Board:*

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Gainer has been the second-in-command at the MPDC, overseeing all police operations. In this capacity, he has implemented a number of reforms identified by Chief Ramsey, including enhanced equipment and training for officers; expanded neighborhood patrols through redeployment of officers, a new scheduling system and programs such as the Mobile Force; new resources such as bicycle

patrols, a new horse mounted unit and the Falcon One helicopter; and expanded awards and recognition for officers and community partners. Gainer was also a fixture during major demonstrations in the District, frequently working with protest leaders to ensure smooth and peaceful events. In a statement, Chief Ramsey said, "Terry greatly contributed to our department and his services will be missed. He is taking over a most important agency at a very critical time in our history. His selection will not only aid the United States Capitol Police, but will also aid ours." Read the Chief's complete statement at:

*A decorated Viet Nam War veteran, Chief Gainer started his career as a Chicago Police officer in 1968 and rose quickly through the ranks there. Other positions, prior to the MPDC, included director of the Illinois State Police and a top official in the US Department of Transportation. Read a detailed biography at:*

**[mpdc.dc.gov/about/org/gainerbio.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/org/gainerbio.shtm)**

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## MPDC WELCOMES NEWEST POLICE OFFICERS

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**I**n ceremonies Friday at the Voice of America auditorium in Southwest, Chief Ramsey and other top MPDC officials welcomed the 20 newest uniformed officers of the MPDC – members of Recruit Class 2001-4. The officers completed 24 weeks of academy training, and will now be assigned to neighborhood patrol duties in the seven police districts. The new officers complete an 18-month probationary period, which includes their academy training period. In remarks to the graduates, Chief Ramsey reminded them that, although the MPDC will always have high-profile cases to work on, the officers will be judged on how well they handle their everyday responsibilities. "To the people who matter the most – the residents, workers and visitors in our city – you will be judged not on how swiftly or adeptly our Department solves the Chandra Levy homicide or deals with anti-globalization protesters. You will be judged on how well you serve their communities, and how visible, helpful and accessible you are to them." Read the complete text of the Chief's remarks to the news officers at:

*Congratulations to the following new officers (assignments indicated in parentheses): Nicholas Ruepp, Louis Schneider (1D); Harry Saval (2D); Daniel Baez, Dustin Nevel, Dustin Roeder, Ebony White (3D); Jonathan Amigo, Jose Morales, Andrew Watson (4D); Steve Pappas, Jelani Prather, Topaz Proctor, Dorie Smith-Cleere (5D); Ronald Burgeson, Peter Greig, Allen Harris (6D); Jaron Hickman, Andrew Richardson, Nicole Robinson (7D).*

*For information on how to become a Metropolitan Police officer, click on:*

**[mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/](http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/)**

**[mpdc.dc.gov/news/stmts/2002/05/053102.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/stmts/2002/05/053102.shtm)**

## ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHCROFT ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING

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Attorney General John Ashcroft this week launched the Citizen Corps' Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) initiative. The VIPs program, which promotes efforts such as the MPDC's Reserve Corps, is a response to President Bush's call to all Americans to dedicate time to serving our communities. It is one of several opportunities emerging through the new Citizen Corps initiative to enhance local homeland security efforts and make emergency preparedness a part of our daily lives. "Through programs such as Volunteers in Police Service, volunteers can assist police in performing routine duties which are necessary to the efficient operation of their departments. Though the work may not be glamorous, it is essential," the Attorney General said. VIPs is the first program to bring together law enforcement volunteer programs nationwide to share resources and support each other's efforts. This national initiative assists state and local law enforcement agencies by increasing the number of law enforcement volunteers, expanding or improving various components of existing programs, and aiding agencies without VIPs programs to establish them. Read the Attorney General's announcement at:

*To learn more about the MPDC's Reserve Corps volunteer program, and initiate the application process, visit:*

**[mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/  
services\\_PRC.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/programs/services_PRC.shtm)**

**[www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2002/May/02\\_ag\\_320.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2002/May/02_ag_320.htm)**

## MPDC HARBOR UNIT STRESSES BOATING SAFETY

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As the weather heats up and more people hit the waterways, the MPDC's Harbor Patrol Unit is reminding boat owners and passengers to think safety. The Unit is hosting boating safety classes throughout the 2002 boating season. The Boating Safety course is designed to educate boaters of the legal requirements, navigational rules, safety equipment, risks of boating accidents, and other issues pertaining to safe boating. Anyone operating a vessel on District of Columbia waterways is required to have a Boating Safety Certificate. The Boating Safety Certificate is issued to individuals who successfully complete the Boating Safety course. The Boating Safety course consists of four days of instruction; the hours are 7 pm to 9 pm. Anyone interested in registering for the Boating Safety course may call the MPDC Harbor Patrol Unit at 202-727-4582. For a schedule of classes and other important boating safety information, visit the Harbor Patrol Web page at:

**[mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborpatrol.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/harborpatrol.shtm)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Chief Ramsey will take your phone calls and e-mails Thursday, June 6, from 10-11 am, during his monthly "Ask the Chief" program on WTOP radio.
- The Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of DC Special Olympics will held on Friday, June 7, with opening ceremonies at the US Capitol and the run ending in a picnic at Fort McNair. Individuals interested in supporting this effort by buying a Torch Run t-shirt may contact Sgt. Michael Thornton at 202-727-4218.

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